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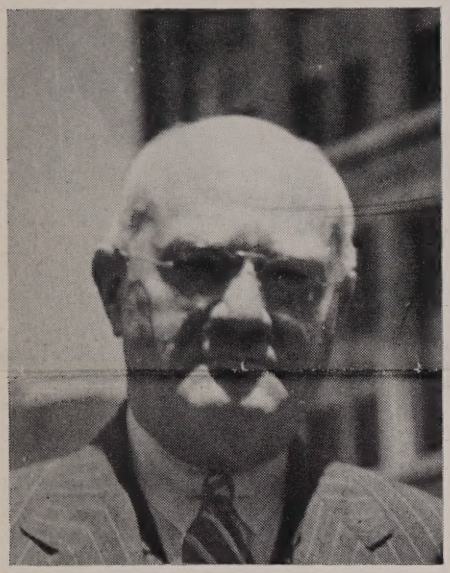

Dr. F. Gorham Brigham

X-Ray Machine May Have Cured Cancer

A little girl stricken with not one, but three lung cancers for which surgery was no cure has apparently made a complete recovery as a result of treatment by the 2,000,000 volt, deep therapy X-ray machine of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

The child, who is seven years old, was referred here by Dr. Sidney Farber, pathologist-in-chief of the Children's Medical Center

The little girl's story begins in September of 1953, when surgeons in her home state of California operated on her for a biopsy. Immediately x-ray treatments — ordinary x-ray treatments — were begun. But the malignant tumor seemed to be getting larger, and she was referred to the Children's Medical Center in Boston.

In March of 1954, she was operated on for removal of the lung tumor by Dr. Robert Gross. Five months later the child was gaining weight and there were no signs that there would be a recurrence

By last December an x-ray revealed new growth. The child was rushed back to Boston. In January there were two masses at the base of the left lung and one at the apex of the right lung. The Children's Medical Center turned to the year-old 2,000,000 volt machine here

The new cancer was metastatic — or secondary to the old one.

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DR. F. GORHAM BRIGHAM RETIRES

Staff Member For 40 Years Announces His Retirement

Dr. F. Gorham Brigham has announced his retirement from the active practice of medicine as of July 1, after 42 years of practice, 40 of which have been on the staff of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Dr. Brigham was born in September, 1882 at Flushing, N. Y. to Dana Bullard and Frances Slade Brigham.

After finishing the local schools he entered Colgate University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, in 1905. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, president of his senior class, and starred at basketball and football through his college course. He was captain of the varsity basketball team, president of his fraternity chapter, class orator, and Walter Camp chose him as halfback on his All-American team the same year.

Attends Harvard

Everything pointed to an unusual career for this talented young man. In 1905, he enrolled in Harvard Medical School where he became president of his class and later, for several years, president of his alumni association.

It was while he was at Harvard that he met Mrs. Brigham. Dr. Brigham roomed with an aunt living on Devon Road in Chestnut Hill and across the street lived the family of McKissocks. They had a charming daughter, Helen, who, with a dozen of the girls of the community, took the same streetcar each morning for their school which Dr. Brigham took to Harvard. Helen Greely McKissock became Mrs. Brigham in 1913 and became one of the founders of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital. From this marriage there came a son, Francis Gorham, Jr., and a daughter, Harriet Dickson, and eight grandchildren.

Dr. Brigham began his medical practice at the out-patient department of the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he served for 14 years. He did his surgical internship at the Free Hospital for Women and an obstetrical internship at the Boston Lying-In Hospital, expecting at that time to become an obstetrician.

Joins Deaconess Staff

In 1912, he became a member of the visiting staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital, also the Channing Home, and in 1913 he became a visiting physician on the staff of the New England Deaconess Hospital. He became a member of the Deaconess permanent staff in 1926 where he has served faithfully and well for 40 years. He was Physician-in Chief from 1935-46 and Physician-in-Chief of Palmer in 1935.

In World War I he entered the service of his country as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps; he went overseas and became a captain and finally major. He was a trustee of the New England Deaconess Association, which operated this hospital, as well as several other philanthropic institutions in and about Boston.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and as we have indicated, Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the Harvard Club and the Country Club of Brookline. He has received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Colgate University.

Teaches at Nursing School

Dr. Brigham has lived at 27 Devon Road, Chestnut Hill for the past 35 years. He has enjoyed one of the largest and finest practices in New England.

Not the least of Dr. Brigham's contributions to the Deaconess Hospital has been his teaching in the Nursing School. For many years, he has lectured to these students, giving them the best of his knowledge and experience, helping to make the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing one of the outstanding schools of the country. Everywhere in America, as well as in many foreign lands, the Deaconess nurse is recognized as superior. It has been the devotion and teaching of staff members like Dr. Brigham which has contributed much to this end.

Dr. Brigham has been a stalwart member of the Deaconess Hospital staff, always promoting the best interest of the hospital rather than his own. He has always stood for the high standards of medicine as practiced at the Deaconess and successfully trained a number of young men who are now on the staff and

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BEST WISHES to Mrs. Mary Allen, executive housekeeper for the past two years, were said by her Deaconess Associates at two parties before Mrs. Allen left to run a guest house and teach school in Enfield, N. H. on June 10. Shown at a surprise farewell party in Housekeeping are (left to right) Mrs. Elizabeth Perreault, Mrs. Doris Teichmueller, Mrs. Hilda Peacock, Mrs. Allen, Ray Funcannon and Michael Foley. The cake, a substantial purse and the orchid were gifts from the department. Mrs. Allen was also feted by other department heads at a party in the cafeteria private dining room

1930 Class Impressed By NEDH Changes

There were 50 girls in the class of 1930 at the NEDH School of Nursing — a record number at that time — and 29 came back for their 25th reunion during graduation week.

For some it was their first visit back since graduation. The Deaconess has grown by three new buildings — Baker, Central and CRI — since then, and in many, many other ways. Modernization in buildings and equipment, the growth of the hospital and changes in requirements for entrance, social activities and curriculum at the School of Nursing were of great interest to the group.

The big day for the 1930 class began with lunch in the cafeteria, an entirely new experience to about 15 members of the class who had never been in it. Then came the official class meeting in Joslin Auditorium, with Robert D. Lowry, executive director, and Miss Mildred B. Newton, school director, as the speakers. Members of the class said they were "thrilled" by the auditorium, another new addition since 1930.

Reports Mrs. Olive W. Polascz of Shock Therapy, who was reunion chairman: "The tour was interesting not only to those who have not had the pleasure of working at the Deaconess in recent years, but to those who do work here as well because the hospital is now so large that often the nurse has no time except for her own department. The tea at Harris Hall given by the faculty was very enjoyable as many doctors, instructors and friends were there to talk about the old days.

Other members of the reunion committee were Mrs. William Toy of Wellesley, Mrs. Frederick Clauson of Arlington, Miss Marion Haskell of the Admitting Office and Mrs. Richard H. Hersam of Stoneham. But, says Mrs. Polascz everyone helped.

Others attending were Mrs. Harold Stanley, Rutland, Vt.; Mrs. Harry W. Blanchard, Montpelier, Vt.; Mrs. Raymond D. Jones, Swampscott; Miss Gaynelle Bennett, Grafton; Mrs. Earl D. Rogerson, Lovell, Me.; Miss Marion Clews, Needham; Mrs. Edith Eaton, Medfield; Mrs. Forest G. Bockus, North Weare, N.H.; Mrs. Wilbar Whittemore, Needham; Mrs. William Buckler, Dedham; Mrs. Eli Schoonmaker, Mystic, Conn.; Mrs. Harold Chase, Kitterey, Me.

Mrs. Roland Sanborn, Center Ossipee, N.H.; Mrs. Wilbur Hollingsworth, Arlington; Mrs. Albert Rendle, Quincy; Mrs. Raymond Wentworth, Bar Harbor, Me.; Miss Rosamond Wentworth, Walpole, N. H.; Mrs. Thomas McGowin, Roslindale; Miss Bernice Archer, Taunton; Mrs. Harold Nordling, Lexington; Miss Dorothy Isaacson, Norton; Mrs. Gladys Foster, Arlington; Mrs. George Boynton, Billerica.

FRIENDS HAVE ANNUAL PICNIC IN NEWTON

Group Has Contributed $107,771 To Hospital

Since their founding in 1932, the Friends of the Deaconess have contributed a total of $107,771.10 to the support of the Deaconess Hospital and its patients.

The total amount was reported by Mrs. Shields Warren, treasurer, at the annual Friends' picnic held at the Warren home in West Newton on June 7.

In a message of gratitude for the support given by the auxiliary, Robert D. Lowry, executive director of the hospital, said that since January of this year alone, funds contributed have amounted to the cost of caring for 17 seriously ill patients whose care otherwise might have had to be postponed. Dr. Warren F. Cook, executive consultant, also thanked the women for their loyal support of the hospital.

Mrs. Warren said the Friends had contributed a total of $11, 966.92 to the hospital from October 19, 1954, to June 7. Major expenditures voted by the group were $5000 for redecoration of Harris Hall and the Baker Solarium; $3500 for the 2,000,000 volt x-ray machine; $1000 for the School of Nursing and $1000 for miscellaneous needs of the hospital.

More than 60 members of the Friends and their friends in the hospital enjoyed the Picnic. It was a traditional box lunch one, with all the trimmings served by Mrs. Warren. Coffee, punch, home-made cakes and cookies and ice cream with strawberry and chocolate sauce were furnished by the hostess.

The fact that it had to be held indoors because of the weather didn't spoil the fun. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Library Notes

Employees may borrow extra books for vacation use, by requesting "Vacation privilege" (extended time, without fines!). See Mrs. Paine or Mrs. Wells, Patients' Library, Palmer VI.

If you're looking for a good vacation book, here are some you may have missed:

Sandburg, *Abraham Lincoln*; Canham, *New Frontiers for Freedom;* Hagedorn, *Roosevelt Family of Sagamore Hill;* Princess Ileana, *Hospital of the Queen's Heart;* Rama Rau, *This is India;* Rose, *The Gentle House;* Fermi, *Atoms in the Family;* Murchie, *Song of the Sky;* Wibberly, *The Mouse that Roared;* Bowles, *Ambassador's Report;* Ritchie, *Singing Family of the Cumberlands.*

THE CHAMPIONS

In one of the closest and best matches yet, the Laundry Team won top honors in the 1954-55 Deaconess Bowling League. Laundry bowlers wrested first place from Pharmacy-Purchasing, which was six points ahead six weeks before final bowling night. Final score: Laundry, 81, Pharmacy 80! The winning team and the winners of individual honors are shown with their trophies. At left, members of Laundry Team are (front row, left to right) James J. Halligan and Walter Emery, team captain and department head, and (rear) Antonio Nives, Jenaro Gonzales and Ramon Gonzales. It was Antonio's first bowling season. At right are equally proud winners of individual trophies. The lady in the center, Virginia Hume of the Messenger Service, holds three cups — for women's highest single for the year, high three-string total and high average. Charlie Schraub (right) holds two titles — men's high three-string total and high average. At left is Sam Marotta, hospital barber, men's high singles bowler.

Overholt Clinic Moves Into New Building

We welcome a new neighbor, the Overholt Thoracic Clinic, which is now moved into its new building at 135 Francis Street, right around the corner from the Deaconess.

Since 1936 this well-known group of chest surgeons has had its office at 1101 Beacon Street.

The four surgical members of the Clinic, Dr. Richard H. Overholt, Dr. Francis M. Woods, Dr. Norman J. Wilson, and Dr. Wilford B. Neptune, are all members of the staff of the New England Deaconess Hospital and perform most of their surgery here.

The clinic has been called "the only modern office building" in Boston, since it has answered the parking problem by providing space for patients' automobiles under the building. In all other ways also the planning has been to insure patient convenience and comfort and to provide the greatest possible efficiency in examination and treatment.

We look forward to a pleasant relationship with our new neighbor, and wish the clinic success.

Weddings

Astrid Mattson, '53, to Morris N. Kazanjian on May 21 at the Park Street Congregational Church.

Carol Eleanor Somes, '54, to Morris Samuel Clark of Spencer, Ind. Mr. Clark is a graduate of Indiana University and received a master's degree from Harvard University.

Dorothy-Lee Jones to Lauriston Ward, Jr. on May 28 at the Park Street Congregational Church. Mrs. Ward is a member of the Friends of the Deaconess and is a volunteer at the hospital.

A Special Wish For A Special Birthday

Miss Orianna F. Harding of the Admitting Office, since 1912 one of the most distinguished members of the Deaconess family, has acquired a new distinction. She is the only person in the hospital with two birthdays.

It says so in the records — June 7, in the Health Center, and July 7, in the Personnel Office. Since it is her 80th birthday, one celebration is not really enough to properly observe the occasion.

The first week in June everyone felt it was quite an event for the Deaconess Hospital to have in its midst an original Deaconess who was having her 80th birthday. So on June 7, everyone indulged in the pleasure of wishing her a very happy birthday.

It's official from both the Personnel Office and a member of her family — Miss Harding will be 80 years young on JULY 7. And no one has enjoyed this joke more than the lady who is having the birthday.

And so — happy birthday, Miss Harding!

Fair Warning: New Rules For Bulletin Board!

As anyone who has looked at the bulletin board in the corridor outside the cafeteria lately will agree, it's a mess!

In order to control posting and removal of notices, flyers and other items, a new system is hereby announced.

1. All housing notices must go to the personnel office and will be handled there.
2. All miscellaneous material for the bulletin board must be cleared through the Public Relations Office. (There will also be a special section for Health Center news).

And here's something to get ready for. A "swap or sale" service for all hospital personnel will be started in the near future. You'll have 30 days to swap or sell. All "swap or sale" notices shoul be left with Public Relations.

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In the period of about six weeks, from January 18 to March 4, the little patient was given a total of 38 treatments in the sub-basement room that houses our high powered x-ray machine.

At the time of her last treatment, the masses in the left lung, which had been treated first, were no longer visible and the one in the right lung was steadily getting smaller.

Films taken about eight weeks ago showed no evidence of the disease.

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following in his meticulous medical methods.

Dr. Brigham specialized in diabetes as well as general medicine and was one with the Joslin group in establishing in this hospital a great diabetic service. He was an assistant to Dr. Joslin for a matter of three years, and lectured in the Joslin Clinic at Baker for many years. He was instrumental in establishing a Diabetic Clinic at the Massachusetts General Hospital in his early years there.

Served His Patients

Perhaps he will be remembered most because of his method of practicing medicine. He was interested not just in ministering to his patients medically, but in ministering to their whole need, and his ministery was not confined to the patients' visits to his office or his visit to the patients' home. His interest was continuous and by letter and telephone and all other means of communication he kept his hand and heart continually on a great community of patients who loved him as a son or a father. He wrote thousands of letters of great length to patients confined to their homes. I have never known patients more devoted to their physician than are his.

He always cooperated and worked closely with the administration in the best interest of the patients of the hospital. In later years he was in the executive office each morning almost as regularly as he was in the hospital.

He raised more than his quota of money from his patients during the recent drive for funds for the new building.

Dr. Brigham has an understanding appreciation of the finer things of life. He was a patron of the opera and the arts for no other reason than that he loved them. His approach was dignified and austere, to the stranger sometimes gruff, but his heart was great and sympathetic. He has a keen sense of humor and justice. He is instinctively a gentleman.

The wish of all his friends is that he may have many years of satisfaction watching the things he has helped to nourish come to fruition.

Warren F. Cook

Sixty-one Receive Diplomas During Week Long Commencement; Rev. Margaret Henrichsen Speaks

Sixty-one members of the class of 1955 were graduated from the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing during the round of solemnities and high excitement that is graduation week.

The high point of the week — the graduation march and its yellow roses, speeches to remember, the awarding of diplomas and announcement of honors — took place at John Hancock Hall before several hundred relatives and friends of the graduates on Tuesday night, May 17.

The Rev. Mrs. Margaret K. Henrichsen, the guest speaker, recounted her experiences as a minister of not one, but seven parishes in rural Maine. In an entertaining and helpful address, the author of the best seller, "Seven Steeples," pointed out that nurses as well as ministers have a great opportunity to help people in frustrating situations.

Dr. Meissner Gives Charge

Bishop John Wesly Lord, president of the hospital, presided at graduation. Diplomas were presented by Robert D. Lowry, executive director.

The charge to the graduates was delivered by Dr. William A. Meissner, NEDH pathologist who warned against the dangers of industrialization of the nursing profession. He said that nursing cannot be a "business" or a "punch-card" affair, but must be sustained as an art "if nursing is to remain the truly great and noble profession it is."

In her message to the graduates, Miss Mildred B. Newton, school director, stressed the new role of the graduates as full fledged nurses. She said that "every graduate nurse has a personal responsibility for helping to develop the students who will be the graduates of tomorrow."

Specific help can be given by personal example — punctuality, conscientiousness, keeping the confidence of patients and doctors and proper techniques — and by aiding in understanding the needs of succeeding students, she pointed out. Miss Newton added:

Asks Support

"When we have enlisted the support of all graduate nurses, we shall have accomplished two very important things. First, we shall have obtained a powerful, helpful force in educating new nurses, and second, we shall have begun to interest the young graduate in her profession, from the point of view of what she can do — as one individual — to make it better. Will you, the class of 1955, help us?"

The invocation was by Chaplain Rudolph H. Samuelson. Both the School of Nursing Glee Club and Sextette sang for the exercises. Selections included an original song, "Deaconess," by two members of the graduating class, Miss Ina Sue Pennington, director of the Glee Club, and Miss Constance M. Dougherty.

Miss Nancy C. Matson received the annual $200 Alumnae Association scholarship for further study. Miss Matson was editor of "The Pledge," her yearbook, and an accompanist for the Glee Club. She will become a member of the Deaconess staff and do her graduate work at Simmons College. Congratulations!

Ten Win Honors

Congratulations, too, to the 10 honor graduates. Honorable mentions were received by Miss Matson, Miss Laila Carlson, Miss Alice M. Clark, Mrs. Joyce Coombs Graves, Miss Beverly Ann Harper, Mrs. Barbara Clark Parson, Miss Constance E. Wetzell, Mrs. Heidi Gould Fink, Miss Adrienne A. Pellegrini and Miss Ruby L. Seagrave.

Faculty Council awards to outstanding undergraduates were presented to Miss Margaret Albright, class of 1956, and Miss Joanne Kemmer, class of 1957.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Boston's Trinity Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Boston University Chapel on Sunday night, May 15. In a warm and personal message to the graduates, Dr. Ferris counselled, "You are entering a career in which you will be in constant touch with suffering.. Unless you come to some sort of terms with this, you will either become indifferent to it or bitter . . . If you are either, you will not be a good nurse."

Graduation week closed with the semi-formal reception by the Student-Faculty Association. Celebration of the long awaited receipt of diplomas was held at the Hotel Somerset on Friday night, May 20.

Deaconess Night at the Pops on June 14 was an added treat for the graduates. They were guests of the Alumnae Association at the Symphony Hall event.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

1. Baccalaureate at the Daniel Marsh Chapel of Boston University. 2. The Class of 1955 at Graduation in John Hancock Hall. 3. Bishop Lord, Chaplain Samuelson, Mrs. Henrichsen and Dr. Meissner (left to right) back stage at graduation. 4. The graduation march. 5. School of Nursing Sextette on stage. 6. Miss Newton presents Alumnae Association scholarship to Nancy Matson. 7. The receiving line at the reception-dance at the Hotel Somerset. 8. School of Nursing 1930 graduates at their 25th reunion in the Joslin Auditorium, with Mr. Lowry.

Dr. Cook Receives Life Membership in M.H.A.

The Massachusetts Hospital Association succeeded in completely surprising Dr. Warren F. Cook with a special life membership award at its 19th annual meeting at the Hotel Statler on May 25.

Dr. Cook, a former president of the organization, came back to Boston from his summer home in Durham, N. H., to give the invocation at the luncheon session of the meeting in the Statler ballroom. Many of his Deaconess associates, who had been alerted about the surprise, were in attendance. Then, during the business session that followed, he was called upon to accept the award, voted by the MHA trustees.

The presentation was made by Miss Abbie E. Dunks, retiring president of the MHA and director of the Boston Dispensary. Dr. Cook was honored for his many services to the MHA and in recognition of his retirement after 25 years as executive director of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

He became director of the NEDH in 1929, retiring to the position of executive consultant in December of 1953.

The life membership was accompanied by a citation for "his work as a charter member, active in organizing the Massachusetts Hospital Association, and as a token of his faithful, unselfish and wise counsel and service as president from 1950 to 1951, as treasurer for 14 years and as a member of various councils and committees of the association.

ABOUT THE DEACONESS

Roscoe C. Adams, Jr., who is now executive housekeeper at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, will succeed Mrs. Mary Allen as NEDH executive housekeeper in September. In the interim, John L. Slayton, administrative assistant in charge of administrative services, has assumed responsibility for the department, with the help of Mrs. Hilda Peacock. Mrs. Peacock has been appointed acting assistant.

Dr. Samuel P. Hicks, NEDH pathologist who is conducting intensive research on brain malformations, has been named a member of the Research Advisory Board of the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Miss Jean Batal, social service worker, is the new secretary of the Boston University School of Social Work Alumni Association. Best wishes to Miss Rosemary C. Rubbico, also of Social Service, who is leaving the Deaconess to join the Social Service Department of the Boston Dispensary.

On July 15, Miss Ada Hamlyn, better known as "Hammy," starts her 36th year at the Deaconess! "I love it here more than I did 35 years ago," says this irrepressibly enthusiastic member of the Deaconess family. For the past 15 years, "Hammy" has been hostess on Deaconess IV. Before that she was first a secretary and then a bookkeeper.

News from New York: The August issue of the magazine SEVENTEEN will carry pictures and a feature story about last November's Preview of Nursing at the School of Nursing. The photos are by James F. Coyne, hospital photographer.

The NEDH Housekeeping Department was the subject of the cover story in the June issue of BETTER MAINTENANCE magazine. The story, by Boston correspondent Irving Roberts, describes how the department keeps the Deaconess shining clean 24 hours a day.

Paul E. Clark, president of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company and a trustee of the Deaconess Hospital, was the recipient of the Distinguished Publice Service Award of the Brookline Rotary Club on May 26.

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Dr. Howard F. Root and Dr. Allen P. Joslin will attend the Second International Congress of the International Diabetes Federation in Cambridge, England, in July. Dr. Elliott Joslin is honorary president and Dr. Root, vice-president, of the Congress. Both will address the gathering.

Word has been received here of the death of Dr. Eugenio Almeida, a former Joslin fellow, in an automobile accident in Michigan on May 22.

Charlie Spalding retires after the bowling picnic on June 22 as head of the Bowling League. He will be succeeded by Mr. Worcester.

Engagements

Anne Olsen, '55, to Frederick G. E. Wood of Northampton. The couple plans to be married on October 1.

Ingrid Wallenfels, nurses' aid, to Allen Pitts Wiegand of Worcester. Mr. Wiegand is a junior at Wesleyan University.

Ellen Esther Hill, '56, to Freeman Stratton Grout of Arlington, Vt. Mr. Grout is a Northeastern University graduate and is now serving with the U. S. Army. A late June wedding is planned.

Helen Germundson, chemistry laboratory, to William Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett is now with the Army in the Philippines.

Louise D'Esposito, pharmacy office, to Donald Perkins of East Providence, R. I. The wedding will take place on June 19 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Chelsea.

Joanne Carr, '55, to Sidney C. Field, Jr. of Melrose. Mr. Field is a student at Northeastern University.

Betty Ann Hewitt, '55, to Walter W. Forbush, Jr. of Northampton. No immediate plans have been made for the wedding.

Anne L. Kiddy, '54, to George W. King of Northford, Conn. A late fall wedding is planned.